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Examiner	:	Unknown)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

4. (New) The optical member of Claim 1, further comprising a separator adhered to at least one side of the optical member.

5. (New) The optical member of Claim 1, further comprising an adhesive layer disposed on the optical member.

6. (New) The optical member of Claim 5, wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is between 1 μm and 500 μm .

7. (New) The optical member of Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the easy-releasing protective member is at most 500 μm .

8. (New) The optical member of Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the easy-releasing protective member is between 5 μm and 300 μm .

9. (New) The optical member of Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the easy-releasing protective member is between 10 μm and 200 μm .

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REMARKS

Claims 4-9 have been added by the current amendment. Support for Claim 4 can be found at page 10, lines 14-20. Support for Claim 5 can be found at page 8, line 15 through page 9, line 29. Support for Claim 6 can be found at page 9, lines 23-29. Support for Claim 7 can be found at page 10, lines 1-13. Support for Claim 8 can be found at page 10, lines 1-13. Support for Claim 9 can be found at page 10, lines 1-13. As such no new matter has been added. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

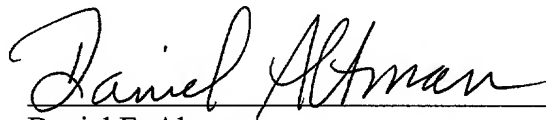
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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